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Ronald H. Lee, Jr. Senior U.S. District Judge

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

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DAVID L. MARTIN, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

ALBERT L. GRAY, Administrator of  
the Estate of Derek J. Gray, and on  
behalf of JANI L. GRAY-MCGILL,  
Minor child of the decedent, Derek J.  
Gray, et al.,

PLAINTIFFS,

VS.

C.A. NO. 04-312-L

JEFFREY DERDERIAN, et al.,  
DEFENDANTS.

**PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PLAINTIFFS' STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

This case arises out of a mass disaster fire at the Station nightclub in West Warwick, RI on February 20, 2003. One hundred people died and hundreds more suffered serious injuries resulting from the fire. At present, the undersigned represent in excess of 230 parties and have named 46 separate defendants identified to this point in time as having alleged culpability or responsibility for the death and injuries. Because of the great number of parties involved, it is imperative that a consolidated discovery process be instituted in order to best organize the voluminous filings expected in this litigation as well as to promote fairness, avoid unnecessary duplication, and ensure the most efficient use of the Court's, and the parties', resources.

In March of 2003, shortly after local authorities such as the West Warwick Police Department, the State of Rhode Island's Attorney General's office, and federal authorities, had conducted their initial investigation of the scene of this fire, Attorneys

Mark Mandell and Max Wistow began the task of addressing the myriad issues that

Ruled moot.

Matter addressed at status conference on 10/26/04.

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David L. Martin, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
October 29, 2004

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